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WAXMAN BACKS VIET NAM VETS

Congressman Henry A. Waxman (D-Los Angeles), once a leader in the movement against the war in Viet Nam, has expressed "strong sympathy" with Viet Nam veterans currently demonstrating at the Wadsworth Veterans Administration Hospital in Westwood.

Waxman said,

"I do not think Viet Nam vets should suffer as a result of the current call for reduced government spending. This country found the necessary money to support an army of half-a-million men in a prolonged war on the other side of the globe. Surely we can also find the money to give quality health care, job training, and psychological counseling to those who fought in the war."

Waxman expressed feelings of "deep bitterness" against the groups and politicians who enthusiastically supported the war in Viet Nam, but, who are not supporting the veterans' just demands.

"I consider it the ultimate hypocrisy to believe that patriotism demands support for an unjust war, but does not require equally strong support for the young men physically or psychologically crippled as a result of that war."

Waxman is the author of a special bill that will aid veterans exposed to Agent Orange while in Viet Nam. Under the Waxman Agent Orange bill, the Veterans Administration will be forced to acknowledge that men exposed to Agent Orange often suffer serious health consequences. The VA will also be forced to treat Agent Orange victims.

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